

The Camden Journal.

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The Convict Labor.

We are yet silent upon this question, from the fact that we are always just, and never make charges unless they are well founded. In saying this, however, we must confess our opinions as very decidedly formed, and when all of the facts are in we shall let out. In the meantime, from abundant caution, we are watching.

"A Voice from South Carolina."

This is the title of an excellent book from the gifted pen of Col. John A. Leland. It gives a very vivid and graphic description of the days when South Carolina was but the tramping ground of oppressors and thieves. It portrays in language burning and eloquent, what many, very many, of our citizens had to endure while the iron yoke, or the more familiar "hand-cuff," was in vogue. Emanating from this pure and christian gentleman as it does, one above suspicion or reproach, makes it doubly valuable, and as we read many of its thrilling lines and thought of the by gone days when we sat at his feet as an humble scholar, we could but imagine that it was indeed but a dream, to suppose for a moment such a man as Col. Leland ever could have known what prison walls and punishment were. The kind, the noble, the christian man, whose daily walk was always upright and correct—to think of him as a fettered outlaw? Impossible! However, it is a bright scene in the reconstruction drama, and most heartily do we recommend this very capital book to our people. It is a very valuable heir-loom to hand down to posterity, and will acquaint some unborn fourth of July orator, if the republic lasts that long, with some of the sweets of Republicanism.

Progressive Signs.

If a traveller from some enlightened or half civilized country, were at this time to visit Camden, and desire to make an inspection of our county, we wonder what his first impression would be if he stopped at Latham's, hired a hack and started out for Western Wateree, by far the finest planting section of this country. What would he think when he reached the celebrated free bridge, where tens of thousands have been paid out, and see it tottering and careening in every direction after a short and dangerous existence of seven years. Then turn his eye from this beautiful spectacle and behold the lovely ferry that we have to risk in order to cross the gentle waters. First, see the ladies alighting from their carriages as they approach it, dragging their dresses in the mud, bogging up ankle deep, all too in their finest paraphernalia, as they reach the flat, which, to make things worse is broken directly in the middle, and is extremely dangerous. As he crosses beneath the great bridge that towers in a threatening attitude over his head, if he can take his eye off of it for a moment, let him look down the river a little distance, and see the steamboat lying high and dry upon the sand bar, a few dusky labouring men digging a shallow space, in order that the first freshet may take it into the river, while hundreds of bales of cotton and quantities of turpentine and rice are blocked for want of transportation. What would be his impression? Indeed might he turn his back and say, that all of this county is a "lost territory" and not Western Wateree alone. It is too serious to jest about, and as a public duty we call upon the proper authorities to come to the front and come at once. There is no justification for this fearful condition of affairs, and we trust the remedy is near at hand.

The News and Courier on the Journal.

We are slow to believe that our esteemed contemporary would do us an act of injustice. We have not generally found them otherwise than fair, but to read their thrilling heading upon our "Swallowing Grant" one might suppose that we had drank of the vagaries of Alexander Stephens, and had been a pall bearer at the funeral of Zach Chandler. Our article in no wise indorsed or opposed General Grant, and if our sprightly brother had copied the few lines that preceded his extract no candid man, after reading the whole, could have indorsed his caption of the article—namely:

ly: "A South Carolina paper that is ready to swallow Grant." We can only account for this fly off upon the part of the News and Courier upon the ground that they had evidently been on an "oyster swallow" just before penning the sensational lines, which gave them a wonderful capacity to magnify, and accord that which was not true in fact nor justified by the article itself.

Who to Choose.

The self seeking demagogue and blatant boaster we wish to see put far away from the councils of State. Men are demanded by the times who are bold enough to do right though the heavens fall, who are aggressive enough to make a fair honest and conciliatory administration of affairs, meting out justice with impartial hand to all classes and colors and conditions.—*Carolina Spartan.*

We endorse very fully the sentiments expressed by our esteemed contemporary. That man who does not to-day fully appreciate the condition of South Carolina has but little political foresight. We need exactly what our friend says, and in Gary we see all of the requirements so fully set forth in the above. A truly brave man is always generous, and while convictions may be strong with him, yet the high inward instinct of true manhood always rises above petty spite and feeling, and assumes the role natural to lofty men. This is our idea of Gary, and this is one of the principal motives that impels us to endorse and support him.

Governor, or Chief Justice.

EDITOR REGISTER: The favorable mention of Gen. Kershaw in connection with the position of Governor is highly gratifying to his many friends and admirers, and particularly so to the subscriber, who has long been an advocate for his promotion, and hoped that a returning sense of Justice would enable the people of South Carolina to fitly reward her faithful sons. The writer can warmly endorse every prominent paid by "Josephus" to this "chevalier Bayard" of South Carolina, Joseph Brevard Kershaw, for well does he know that when others had left our old mother to mourn all alone over her beautiful past, with no apparent hope for the present or future, this "Christian gentleman and soldier" labored long, faithful and untiringly, although unsuccessfully, for her restoration and redemption. When the sagacity of others conceived and inaugurated the true method or properly interpreted the instincts of our people, (often the highest statesmanship) it was then that he provided his own unselfishness and patriotism by modestly giving up his own theories and warmly supporting theirs.

There are two exalted positions within the gift of the people of the State, the one judicial, the other executive; and in the opinion of the writer the two men "fittest and faithfullest" to fill them are the two who have deserved the most and received the least at our hands. The position of Chief Justice, the highest in one sense, demands the man who is properly described as a soldier, a statesman, a gentleman, a Christian, kind and courteous, a true friend and a generous foe; brave, upright and honorable; with whom "justice and judgment would go hand in hand, and the best interests of the State be sacredly preserved; by him whose legal acumen and scholarly culture are unchallenged," and whose purity and integrity, either on or off the bench, could never be challenged or suspected. At this particular time we need upon the bench men who will be true to the chart and to the people, for if our republican government is ever to be made a failure, it will be through the prostitution of the judiciary, the tribunal of last resort in times of peace, by making positions therein a reward for political trenchery.

For the position of Governor we need a man of practical ability, as well as of fine executive and financial capacity, both to organize and lead the Democracy to success in 1880, and then to give that impetus to the material development and proper educational advancement, now the great want of the State. He who conceived and inaugurated the straightout policy of 1876, and afterwards saved, without, his own country, (and indeed the whole State,) despite the seven companies of United States troops placed there; and he who preferred, or nominated, others instead of himself in selecting leaders for that great battle; he who, in short, has by his courage, skill, sagacity and patriotism deserved everything, and has never received anything, from the State, should be nominated for the position of Governor.

These are the opinions of one who earnestly desires to see genuine good government; that is a pure judiciary, just and fearless legislation, and an able, sagacious, uncompromised executive restored and permanently established in South Carolina; one who wishes to see, if possible, even a higher standard established in the future than existed under the shadowy line of our great noblemen, the Haynes, Butlers, Means, Pickens and Hamptons of the past; one who wishes to see, not a paternal, maternal or ring government, but a true Democratic government, or a government of, for and by the people.—*Columbia Register.*

General Kershaw has proved his devotion and fidelity to the State in every field—the military, the political and the judicial—and should be made Chief Justice.

Regardless of his personal peculiarities, General Gary has proven himself to be both a patriot and a statesman, and, by his wonderful foresight and political sagacity, as well as his remarkable decision of character, is eminently well qualified to lead to undoubted success in 1880, and afterwards on the high road to progress and prosperity, as Governor of South Carolina.

As success is the paramount consideration, so unity and harmony are all important to the Democratic party. Parties are made up of different elements, and these elements have different leaders; organization is kept up by fair play among the leaders and justice to the followers, and it will not do to ignore the just claims for recognition and consideration on the part of these elements or their leaders to please any man or set of men. The man who is the recognized leader of what is known as Straightout Democracy, who fought for white civilization and a pure judiciary, and who by contending for the interests of the people on the bond and other questions, has proven himself to be truly conservative, or "the balance wheel of the Democratic party," will do to be trusted, and will prove to be sufficiently conservative when he is in power.

Let the Democratic party settle its disputed questions, and by a spirit of fairness, harmonize its leaders, and there can and will be no trouble in 1880. Neither the merits of General Gary nor Kershaw have been properly recognized or rewarded, so let one be made Chief Justice and the other Governor.

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